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TO: DIRECTOR, SE

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FROM: Chief of Station, Austria

SUBJECT: PROOVY/LCDPROVE/ [] Operations
Exploitation of Selected Leads

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

1. Since VIEN 3319 dated 21 May 1963 was written, the Station has pinpointed the present assignments of seven individuals who must be suspected of having been active GRU agents at one time. Whether they are still active cannot be determined without further investigation. We find that one of the suspects is working in the Federal Chancellery, two are in the Interior Ministry, two are currently working in the Vienna police, one is a colonel in command of a Land Gendarmerie and one has recently retired from the Interior Ministry. It presumably still has contacts with his former colleagues there. All of these suspects have or can have access to sensitive information. Because of the variety and nature of these suspects' assignments, the investigation aimed at uncovering their present contacts, if any, with the GRU should be handled in a coordinated fashion. With things being as they are in Austria and in the Interior Ministry, the investigations will not be handled with the necessary vigor and commitments unless directed personally by []

2. In May 1963 we passed the identities of [] to [] on an EYES ONLY basis for a checkout. While he could tell us nothing about [] present assignment (she is no longer working in the Interior Ministry) he was able to give us information on [] which is cited below. The rest of our current information comes from official directories:

A) Vienna Federal Police Directorate, list of Detectives (Kriminalbeamte) on duty as of 1 January 1962.

B) Vienna Federal Police Directorate, list of uniformed police (Sicherheitswachbeamte) on duty as of 1 July 1962.

C) Vienna Federal Police Directorate, list of civilian officials and employees on duty as of 31 January 1962.

D) Office of the Federal Chancellery, list of employees on duty as of 1 March 1962.

E) Federal Ministry of the Interior, list of employees on duty as of 1 January 1962.

3. The source material in paragraph two above was gathered as follows: Sources A, B, and C were procured unilaterally by [] from [] Sources D and E were procured unilaterally from [] they will be ph 1 are

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by the Station as the originals must be returned to him. All five sources, while not classified in the strict sense, are not available to the general public.

4. We have come up with the following information:

#1 [] - Josef *ADAM, was born 20 December 1900, and is assigned to the Interior Ministry with the title of Kanzleidirektor. He entered on duty with the Ministry as of 1 July 1955, according to Source E.

#2 [] - Johanna *BARTSCH, born 14 July 1914, is working for the Vienna Federal Police Directorate since 1 August 1961, where she is employed as a Vertragsbedienstete, Entlohnungsgruppe 1 (mittlerer Dienst), according to Source C.

#3 [] - Willi HAWLA, is beyond reasonable doubt identical with Wilhelm *HAWLA, born 12 June 1904. HAWLA entered on duty with the Vienna Federal Police Directorate on 20 June 1945, where he is employed at the same grade level as Johanna BARTSCH, according to Source C. There are 430 civilian employees in the Vienna Federal Police Directorate in this grade alone. HAWLA is No. 179 in terms of time in grade; BARTSCH, who joined the Directorate at a later date is No. 429.

#4 [] - Dr. Jur. Hans *JAEGER, born 13 January 1901, entered federal service on 14 April 1936. He is serving in the Office of the Federal Chancellery with the functional title of Ministerialrat, according to Source D.

#5 [] - Friedrich *KERNMEIER, was born 28 August 1894 in Stein. Upon his retirement from federal service he had reached the ranks of Wirklicher Amtsrat and Regierungsrat. He used to live at Vienna 15, Kannegasse 6. (Comment: The 1963 Vienna phone book lists Fritz KERNMEIER, wife Jenny, living at this address, phone number 92-50-305.) He also had another apartment at Vienna 3, Arsenal, Building No. 5, Wing No. 4, Apartment No. 10. He entered government service on 20 October 1912, serving with the Austrian Imperial Army. He rose to the rank of Captain, and holds the title of Hauptmann Ausser Dienst. From 1945 to 1954 he worked in the Interior Ministry in the Praesidial Section alongside Wirklicher Amtsrat Johann LINHARDT. (Comment: The Praesidial Section is responsible for administration and personnel work for the Ministry as a whole.) According to the Austrian daily, Abend (now out of print), edition of 14 August 1954, Fritz KERNMEIER's name was mentioned as a member of the recruiting center (Werbestelle) for army officers. This center was run by the Interior Ministry. The article also mentioned KERNMEIER as a praesidial member of the Veterans' Association (Kameradschaftsbund). At present Fritz KERNMEIER is responsible for the atheist publication, "The freethinker" (Der Freidenker). His name appears in the Sankt Gallen No. 152737 from the period 1938 - 1945. (Comment: The information on KERNMEIER was procured by [] from various documentary sources available to him. The fact that KERNMEIER is retired is confirmed by his age, and the fact that his name does not appear in Source E.)

#6 [] - All five sources were checked with no record of LINHARDT, LINHARDT, PACHLER, or ZEIDLER. The Station does not believe that GRENGLF-11 is or ever was recruited by the GRU; although his is the name that most logically fits one of these descriptions. More evidence will have to be gathered to clear up this point. In Source E we found two PICHLEs: We tentatively discarded Johann PICHLE, born 1 June 1914, as being the culprit because he joined the Interior Ministry as late as 1 July 1961. We believe the culprit is Dr. Jur. Josef *PICHLE, born 13 April 1917, who is now a Sektionsrat in the Interior Ministry, having entered that organization on 1 January 1955. The 1963 Vienna phone book lists 12 Josef PICHLEs. While some of them are obviously not identical since their professions are listed as hair dresser, etc., it is impossible to tell which of the others may be identical with the Sektionsrat in the Interior Ministry.

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